

Bright returns approximately \$2.75 million to taxpayers

MONTGOMERY,

AL – A recent review found that Congressman Bright's offices were able to assist in the return or reimbursement of approximately \$2,750,000 to Second District residents. This is money constituents were owed by federal agencies such as the Veterans Administration, Social Security, Medicare, the IRS, the military, FEMA, and the Office of Personnel and Management, among others. Congressman Bright and his staff were able to assist approximately 147 individuals or families in receiving the money they were rightly due. Additionally, Congressman Bright's office has closed 1,181 cases since the beginning of 2009.

“Helping

constituents navigate the federal government is one of a representative's most important jobs,”

Bright said. “I am very pleased with my staff's work to help constituents receive the benefits they deserve or return money they were owed. Oftentimes these are seniors or veterans who have been unfairly shortchanged by the federal government and simply need someone who can help cut through bureaucratic red tape. My office will always be a resource for those who need assistance in dealing with the federal government.”

Additionally,

Congressman Bright's office was able to return approximately \$25,000 to the Treasury in 2009, which means his office lived well within the budget assigned to every Member of Congress. Congressman Bright was also a co-sponsor of legislation that prevented the automatic pay raise Members of Congress would have otherwise received in 2010 and again in 2011.

Below

you can find some of the success stories from constituents who have written to Congressman Bright:

I contacted your office when I found out at the last minute that my son would need a passport for his church mission trip to Canada. I wasn't sure if your office would be able to help, but my son received his passport very quickly. Your staff has been so nice, and I couldn't have asked for more help. My case was handled wonderfully.

-Lillie
Jarrett, Wetumpka

I contacted your office in early December about a survivors benefits claim with the VA. I was facing eviction from my house after my husband died in July and I was unable to my electric bill. Your office quickly provided documentation to the VA of my financial hardship. By mid-December, my claim had been processed and I received my benefits in time to pay my bills.

-Lucy
King, Dothan

I stopped by your Montgomery office. At the time, I was homeless and was looking for some help with a non-service connected pension claim. Your staff contacted the VA for a status update on my case. I now receive my monthly benefits, and with your help, my daughter was recently added as a dependent. This has helped me better provide for my family.

-Larry
Long, Montgomery

In March, I stopped by our Dothan office. I requested help with medical bills totaling \$63,252.25. As a Vietnam veteran, I sought pre-authorization from the VA for medical care; however, I was still billed for treatment. Your office contacted the VA immediately to research my case. The VA contacted me within 24 hours and corrected the error in my file. Within two weeks, the VA sent me a letter and told me my care was covered and payments were issued to my medical providers.

-Clayton
Watson, Dothan

My experiences with your office have been very positive. So often requests to our elected representatives go unheeded, but not so with you and your office. Your Montgomery staff responded quickly, effectively, and professionally to my request for assistance with a federal agency. Contacts were made on my behalf and the results were substantive. It is evident that you support small businesses and you and your staff are eager to help in these tough economic times. For the first time in my life I feel that I have a representative who supports me and my business.

-Dr.
Johnny Wright, Brundidge